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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Amber Ash, Program Manager
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DATE: August 14, 2009

SUBJECT: 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21 CCLC) Grant Application

INFORMATION TO SHARE – PLEASE NOTE DEADLINES

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Application and Project Guidelines for 2010-2014 are now available on the Wyoming Department of Education's website at www.k12.wy.us.

Approximately \$2.2 million will be available to support after-school programming under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21 CCLC) federal grant program. The purpose of the 21 CCLC program is to establish or expand community learning centers that provide enrichment opportunities along with activities designed to complement the regular academic program of students during those times when school is not in session. Centers (which can be located in elementary or secondary schools or other similarly accessible community facilities) provide a range of high-quality services to support student learning and development, which may include tutoring and mentoring, homework help, academic enrichment, music, arts, sports, cultural activities and community service opportunities. At the same time, centers help parents by providing a safe environment for students during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session.

Any public or private organization is eligible to apply for a 21 CCLC grant. Examples of agencies and organizations eligible under the 21 CCLC program include, but are not limited to, public schools/school districts, charter schools, private schools, non-profit agencies, city or county government agencies, faith-based organizations (including religious private schools), institutions of higher education, and for-profit corporations. The statute requires eligible organizations applying for funds to collaborate with the schools participating children attend.

Consistent with federal legislation, the Wyoming Department of Education must give priority to those applications that primarily serve students who attend schools that are eligible as Title I school wide programs and/or 40% or more of the student population is eligible to receive free or reduced price lunch. Additionally, priority will be given to projects that will serve children in schools designated as in need of improvement and are submitted jointly by schools districts receiving Title I funds and community-based organizations or public/private organizations. Please also note that the majority (51% or more) of schools to be served within an application must have a student population that has a free and reduced price lunch percentage at or above 25%, according to SY 2008/2009 data submitted and verified by the Wyoming Department of Education. Other priorities are outlined within the grant application and project guidelines.

Grant Competition Timeline

August 7, 2009	21st Century Community Learning Centers grant application announcement and distribution
September 4, 2009	Intent to apply notification due
September 11, 2009	Statewide WEN (Wyoming Equality Network)
3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	Technical Assistance Applicant Workshop (video conference)
December 11, 2009	Application submission deadline
March 26, 2010	Notification of funding decision sent to all applicants via postal correspondence
May 3, 2010	Award letters distributed to funded applications and projects begin

Please direct any questions regarding the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant competition to Amber Ash at aash@educ.state.wy.us or 307.777.5332.